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Robert Burris joins Fairfield as economic development manager

Fairfield, California (Monday, May 2, 2016)—The City of Fairfield has filled its vacancy for an Economic Development Division manager with the appointment of Robert Burris to lead the team. Bob's duties include implementing the strategies of the City's Economic Development plan, overseeing neighborhood revitalization, and workforce housing programs.

Bob brings over 20 years of experience in economic development, including tenure as executive vice president, and Interim CEO of the Sacramento Area Commerce and Trade Organization (SACTO). While at SACTO, Bob was directly involved in the recruitment and expansion of over 100 companies, creating 17,000 new jobs and over \$1 billion in new investment. He also led international business recruitment missions to European countries to create jobs in the Sacramento region. Included in Bob's experience is project management at the California State University Real Estate and Land Use Institute, consulting at Economic and Planning Systems, and commercial real estate research and marketing at Grubb & Ellis Company.

"Fairfield has great attributes, including some fantastic businesses. I am looking forward to building upon the success of Fairfield's economic development efforts, the city's tremendous amenities, as well as its location in northern California to build a healthier and more sustainable economy," expressed Burns. "I truly believe there is no better location in the state to take advantage of new growth opportunities."

Community Development Director Karl Dumas announced, "We are delighted with the recruitment of an experienced, qualified person to bring another dimension to our team as we continue to implement our mission to create a stronger economy in Fairfield."

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